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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA (GUSSMAN, WILLIAM H.), MILI, GW  
SUBJECT: CONSULTATION TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR FSO  
WILLIAM H. GUSSMAN

1. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE  
ROUND TRIP TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON AND FIVE DAYS OF CONSUL-  
TATION WITH WASHINGTON AGENCIES FOR FSO-3 WILLIAM H.  
GUSSMAN, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL/MILITARY UNIT OF THE  
EMBASSY'S POLITICAL SECTION.

2. AS CHIEF OF THE POL/MIL UNIT, MR. GUSSMAN HAS RESPON-  
SIBILITY FOR A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS AFFECTING BOTH  
THE US-FRG SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND THE FRG'S ROLE IN  
NATO. HE IS IN CONTACT ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH SENIOR  
OFFICIALS OF BOTH THE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND THE FOREIGN  
OFFICE, AS WELL AS WITH KEY MILITARY OFFICERS OF US  
FORCES IN GERMANY.

3. WE ANTICIPATE THAT, IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, A PARTICU-  
LARLY LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL/MILITARY QUESTIONS WILL  
DEMAND MR. GUSSMAN'S ATTENTION. SOME WILL BE OF MAJOR  
IMPORTANCE TO OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FRG.  
IN THE INTEREST OF CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE EM-  
BASSY AND WASHINGTON, WE WISH MR. GUSSMAN TO HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT IN PERSON WITH STATE AND DEFENSE  
OFFICIALS ON A NUMBER OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES,  
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INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) NATO SUMMIT FOLLOW-THROUGH;
- (B) THE GERMAN 120 MM TANK GUN;
- (C) "USAREUR - AN ARMY DEPLOYED" (UAD);

(D) OTHER IMPORTANT US FORCES-RELATED ISSUES, E.G., PROBLEMS BETWEEN US FORCES AND THE GERMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITIES (AN ISSUE WHICH COULD AFFECT AWACS), THE NEED TO ACQUIRE MORE AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE SITES IN NORTHERN GERMANY, AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR IMPROVED HOST NATION SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO WISH MR. GUSSMAN TO CONSULT WITH STATE AND DOD REGARDING THE PLANNED ASSIGNMENT OF A DOD CIVILIAN TO THE POLITICAL/MILITARY UNIT OF THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL SECTION. IF A CANDIDATE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION, FOR MR. GUSSMAN TO TALK WITH HIM OR HER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE THE TRAVEL AND CONSULTATION DESCRIBED IN PARA ONE ABOVE. THE EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO FUND BOTH THE TRAVEL AND THE NECESSARY PER DIEM. IF THIS REQUEST IS APPROVED, MR. GUSSMAN WOULD WISH TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT JULY 29. WE WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST BY COB JULY 25.  
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